

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Office Communication of August 23, 2006 has been received and contents carefully reviewed.

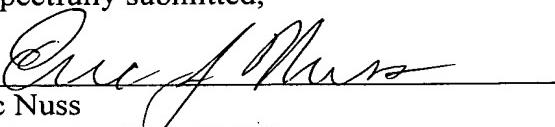
Claims 1-9, 15-18, 22-26, 32-34, and 36-39 are allowed. Per the Examiners direction, claims 19 and 27 have been amended and revived to include all the limitations of allowable claim 1. Further, claims 20 and 21, which depend from claim 19, and claims 28-31, which depend from claim 27, should now also be revived and are allowable.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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